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" (b) The attenders had been appointed by the Collector of Malabar in anticipation of sanction and their pay could not be drawn and disbursed pending sanction of their employment. Hence the delay. The Collector has reported that the pay of all the attenders except two whose addresses are not known, have been drawn and disbursed and that steps are taken to disburse the pay of the remaining two persons also."

Grant of loan to the new Co-operative Milk Supply Society, Madras.

* 107 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of loan granted to the New Co-operative Milk Supply Society, Madras, in the year 1952;

(b) whether any staff member of the society was prosecuted and convicted for adulteration of milk;

(c) the number of milk centres managed by the Society; and

(d) the approximate quantity of milk supplied by the Society?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) It is not clear to which Society the questions refer.

" (b) to (d) Do not arise."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know the names and the number of societies existing in the Madras State? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let the hon. Member give notice of a separate question."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Is there any Co-operative Milk Supply Society in Madras to which a loan has been granted and any of whose office-bearers has been prosecuted? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Madras Milk Supply Union was granted a loan of Rs. 3,49,040 in 1952. No member of the staff of that Union was prosecuted."

Retrenchment of workers of the Highways Department in Cannanore Section, Malabar.

* 108 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) how many workers working in the Highways Department in Cannanore section, Malabar, were retrenched on 2nd February 1954;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) how many of them were taken back afterwards;

(d) whether the workers were given any notice before retrenchment; and

(e) if so, when?

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) In February 1954, twenty-three gang mazdoors of the Highways Department working in Cannanore Section, Malabar, were retrenched.

" (*b*) The retrenchment was due to the reduction in allotment of funds for execution of works, consequent on the partition of the State.

" (*c*) All the retrenched workers were taken back.

" (*d*) No, Sir. They are purely temporary workers and are not entitled to any notice.

" (*e*) Does not arise."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" *சர்க்கார் பல புது மராமத்துத் திட்டங்களை அமுல் நடத்திக்கொண்டிருந்தாலும்கூட, பல தொழிலாளர்கள் நிரந்தரமாக வேலையில்லாது கஷ்டப்படுகின்றனர். ஆகவே பல வருஷங்களாக தாற்காலிகமாக வேலை செய்துகொண்டு வருவோரில், ஒரு குறிப்பிட்ட அளவினரையாவது நிரந்தரமாக்குவதற்கு சர்க்கார் யோசனை செய்யுமா ?* "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I shall have the suggestion considered, Sir."

Assignment of lands belonging to the Sacred Hearts' College, Shembaganur, to the poor.

* 109 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of lands held by Catholic Fathers of Sacred Hearts' College, Shembaganur, Kodaikanal, as freehold property, paying no tax to Government ;

(*b*) whether they have encroached upon the Government lands bearing S. Nos. 1023·4, 4 acres 10 cents, 1024, 3 acres 47 cents, 1025, 3 acres 43 cents and 1026, 2 acres 52 cents, adjoining their lands;

(*c*) whether the landless and homeless people of Kodaikanal applied to the Revenue authorities periodically for the assignment of these lands to them for the construction of their houses ;

(*d*) whether the Catholic Fathers of Sacred Hearts' College also applied for these lands for their use ; and

(*e*) whether, at their instance, the assignment proposal in favour of the poor people has been dropped?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) The Catholic Fathers of the Sacred Hearts' College, Shembaganur, Kodaikanal, own 409·51 acres, dry, in Kodaikanal and 106·57 acres, dry, in Adukkam village as freehold property paying no tax to Government.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) *to* (*e*) No."